

## Smietanka Is New Berrien Prosecutor

John Smietanka, chief assistant prosecutor of Berrien county, has been named interim county prosecutor to succeed Ronald J. Taylor whose resignation becomes effective Feb. 1. Smietanka's appointment, which continues until a county prosecutor is elected in either the 1974 or 1976 election, was announced this morning in a release from Presiding Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns. Taylor, prosecutor since 1968,

announced his resignation earlier this month to return to private law practice and a normal home life and to hold himself open for appointment to a higher office. His second term would have expired in 1976. Smietanka, 32, has been on a leave of absence in England since September observing and studying the English court system. He is expected to return about Jan. 25. Smietanka joined the

prosecutor's staff in March 1970 as administrative and appellate assistant and was made chief assistant prosecutor last year. He will receive the prosecutor's salary of \$24,000 as interim prosecutor. Two conflicting statutes leave unresolved whether Smietanka's appointment is to the end of Taylor's second term in November 1976 or until the next

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JOHN SMIETANKA  
New Prosecutor

## Berrien Road Board Names Webb Chief

Thomas A. Webb, engineer for the Berrien county road commission since 1962, was named engineer-manager of the road commission by its board today. The new job, total boss of the road commission under the board's direction, is effective Dec. 31. Webb, 51, a Cadillac native and holder of a civil engineering degree from University of

Michigan in 1950, replaces Heath Calvin. Calvin was engineer-manager from 1956 to 1970, resigned at age 65, but continued in the position on a "consulting" basis. Webb worked for the Illinois division of highways a year, then 3 years with McLean county, Ill., highway department, then 9 years with the St. Joseph county, Mich., road

commission. He's been with the Berrien road commission since 1962, first as chief engineer and since 1970 as county highway engineer. He lives at route 3, Pier road, Benton Harbor, with his wife, Betty, and two of their four children. Webb's salary in the new post will be \$20,800, according to Martin Tretheway, commission chairman who made the announcement this morning.



THOMAS A. WEBB  
New Road Chief

# SIMON ORDERS TIGHT OIL REIN



**VETERANS' CHECKS SNAGGED:** Mary F. Mason, left, and Jane Gulley, supervisory employees in the Los Angeles Veterans' Administration office, hand-process hardship checks for Vietnam veterans which were not received because of a massive clerical snafu. Hundreds of veterans haven't received subsistence checks since September, resulting in some having to exist on food stamps and others having to drop out of school. (AP Wirephoto)

## 6-Degree Heat Cut In Homes

Gas Stations  
Are Moved To  
End Of Line

By STAN BENJAMIN  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy chief William E. Simon ordered during the night a six-degree cut in oil-fired home heating and put service stations last in line for gasoline, starting Jan. 15. Differing fundamentally from previous appeals, Simon's order to lower thermostats now placed a direct legal obligation on the householder or property-owner to comply. If he doesn't, he will run out of oil. Commercial buildings heated with oil must drop their thermostats 10 degrees. The temperature reductions must be made below the thermostat settings used in the corresponding month of 1972. Buildings heated with gas, electricity or coal are not included in this order.

The Federal Energy Office said it was making Jan. 15 "the implementation date for all provisions" — regardless of varying dates of legal effectiveness — because of substantial revisions that made it "impractical to expect instantaneous compliance." The administration has had mandatory allocation programs in effect for propane since last Oct. 2 and for middle distillate oils, including home heating oil and diesel fuel since Nov. 1. But they are relatively crude systems, assigning priorities to certain classes of users, but without the detailed quantities, percentages, and thermostat reductions imposed by the new regulations.

Rules for gasoline, butane gas, home heating oil and diesel fuel take effect Jan. 11, replacing existing programs in effect until then. The other regulations are now effective and all of them are to be fully applied beginning

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## Winning Numbers

BRIGHTON, Mich. (AP) — The winning numbers in today's weekly drawing in the Michigan State Lottery are 360 and 266. The second chance numbers are 737 and 531.

Flagship Rest. New Yrs. Eve Dance. Hightowers. Ben Worley, hypnotist. Adv.

City of St. Joseph-Rubbish collection scheduled for Mon. Dec. 31 in AM only. Tues. Jan. 1 will be picked up Wed. Jan. 2. Adv.

Sanitary Cleaner Offices will close at 5 New Yr. Eve. Adv.

Rent snomble. P. Paw Lake Golf. Adv.

Both of your Jewell Food Stores will be closed New Year's Eve at 5:30 PM

## Canada May Triple Export Tax On Oil

OTTAWA (AP) — The Canadian government proposed on Thursday that the export tax on Canadian crude oil be increased more than three times its present \$1.90 a barrel. Energy Minister Donald MacDonald said the tax would be hiked to \$6.50 a barrel Feb. 1 unless some other arrangement is made at a conference of Canadian federal and province leaders in late January.

The tax, first imposed at 40 cents a barrel Oct. 1, rose to \$1.90 a barrel Dec. 1 and is scheduled to go up to \$2.20 Jan. 1. Canada is the leading foreign supplier of oil to the United States, which imports about one million barrels of Canadian crude daily, and a roughly equal amount of refined products. At a news conference, MacDonald said the \$6.50 rate would close the gap between the frozen

domestic price of crude oil, about \$4 a barrel, and the going rate on world markets. Recent doubling of oil prices by Middle East oil producers and similar plans forthcoming from Venezuela will raise the price of imported crude to about \$10.50 a barrel at Montreal refineries, he said. Canadians living east of the Ottawa Valley, who rely almost exclusively on imported oil, will have to pay about 12 cents more for a gallon of gasoline or heating oil, MacDonald said. He indicated the government would use funds from the export tax to finance any subsidy program decided for the areas of eastern Canada dependent on imported oil. John Poyen, president of the Canadian Petroleum Association, said Canada is inviting retaliation from the United States if it imposes the \$6.50 tariff. "I'm very concerned that the United States may take massive retaliatory action against Canada because they are pushed to the brink of retaliation and I don't blame them," he said.

(The Derby) now open, South Haven, Mi. Featuring the Dixie Cats on Fri. & Sat. eve. Adv.

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**ORANGE GROVE IS GRAVEYARD:** Dr. Alicia Moure, pathologist, and Sgt. Buzzy Patterson, Brevard County (Florida) homicide squad, remove skull for identification. Sheriff's deputies located a

fourth body in an orange grove near Titusville Thursday. Deputies were searching for evidence in connection with the deaths of three women. (AP Wirephoto)

## Police Comb Orange Grove After Four Bodies Found

TITUSVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Police hope infrared photographs will show whether any more bodies have been buried in an area in which the remains of four females have been found since Thanksgiving. Authorities said 12 females between the ages of 12 and 20 have been reported missing in the area recently. An Air Force plane photographed the strip of orange groves and pine woods Thursday with cameras loaded with infrared film. And photo experts from the National Aeronautic and Space Administration were to team with police investigators today to study the pictures.

Police said any other burial sites in the strip — eight miles long and less than a mile wide — might show up in the pictures as hot spots from the heat given off by decaying organic material. Brevard County Sheriff Leigh Wilson said he also would have teams comb the strip across the Indian River from Cape Canaveral again today. The latest skeleton to be unearthed was of a 12-to 14-year-old girl. It was found Thursday in an orange grove. Another body was found Christmas morning; and two others, both shot in the head, were found in late November. "You find four girls dead in an orange grove, and there must be a link," said Wilson. His chief investigator, S. R. DeWitt agreed: "In my opinion, they are connected. At this time we have nothing to indicate the contrary." The body found Christmas day was identified Thursday as that of Carolyn Jan Bennett, 17, of nearby Mims. She had been missing since Nov. 11. DeWitt said the fourth body was found by officers searching for

clues in Miss Bennett's death. The first body was that of Paula Hamric, 22, of Titusville. It was found at the north end of the strip. A few days later, the body of Nancy Gerry, 25, also of Titusville, was found near Mims, about two-thirds of the way down the strip. The bodies of Miss Bennett and the girl were half a mile apart and about 1½ miles south of Mims, DeWitt said. Police said two of the victims were last seen while hitchhiking. "These were brutal murders," said Wilson, adding that two of the victims had their hands tied behind their backs and all four had been at least partially stripped of clothing.

## Physicians Say Judge Suffered Heart Attack

Attending physicians have confirmed that Chester Byrns, presiding judge of Berrien county circuit court, suffered a heart attack Christmas Day. Robert A. Bradburn, administrator of St. Joseph Memorial hospital, quoted the physicians as saying Judge Byrns will require "conservatively, a recuperation period of at least three months." Bradburn added that the St. Joseph jurist will remain in the hospital several weeks. He was admitted to Memorial's intensive care unit Tuesday, suffering from chest pains. The 51-year-old judge is not permitted visitors other than members of his immediate family.

## Fire Kills Pups Valued At \$1,500

Nine Golden Retriever puppies valued at more than \$1,500 died Thursday about 2 p.m. when a kennel they were in caught on fire at the home of Brenda Gelesko, Lot eight, at the Meadowbrook Park Trailer Park, Park road, Benton township firemen reported. The fire, which totally destroyed the kennel, started from faulty wiring of a heat lamp used to keep the pups warm. Brenda Gelesko stated four dogs were saved after the fire broke out, three full grown retrievers and one pup. Fireman reported the blaze was contained in the kennel area.

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## Ford No. 1 In Presidential Poll

NEW YORK (AP) — The Harris poll reports that Vice President Gerald R. Ford placed ahead of Democratic Sens. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Henry M. Jackson of Washington in a recent survey involving potential 1976 presidential contenders. Results of the poll, released Thursday, indicated that the proportion of undecided voters was large enough to change the outcome in a possible race between Ford, a Michigan Republican, and either Democrat.

Figures in the Harris survey were:  
—Ford, 48 per cent; Kennedy, 44 per cent; 8 per cent unsure.  
—Ford, 43 per cent; Jackson, 41 per cent; 16 per cent unsure.

In the poll, a cross-section of 1,103 likely voters was asked: "If the 1976 elections were being held today, and you had to choose, would you vote for Gerald Ford on the Republican ticket for president or for Sen. Edward Kennedy, Sen. Henry Jackson on the Democratic ticket?"



# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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### Ford Should Keep Higher Yearnings To Himself

Not quite a hundred years ago the Republican National Committee called upon William Tecumseh Sherman to accept a draft nomination for the 1876 campaign.

The Civil War general, noted for his salty evaluations, responded, "If nominated, I will not accept. If elected, I will not serve."

For some reason beyond our comprehension, most brethren in our line of business, ascribe the general's comment as equal to the inscription which Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai.

This extraordinary praise has one understandable reason behind it. The Fifth Estate sees so many self starters promoting themselves into high places that it is refreshing to note a man of merit not wanting to hustle himself into another job.

The reaction, however, does exhibit a complete lack of knowledge on the circumstances surrounding Sherman's declination.

As the Union general who had left many Southern states in tatters during the Civil War, he knew he would lose every vote in those states due to be enfranchised to vote in 1876.

He also realized the G.O.P. high command was in dire need of a candidate to wash away the bad taste from the scandals in the Grant Administration. Sherman had no intention of being a fall guy.

Before his confirmation as Vice President, Jerry Ford was being pushed for a repetition of Sherman's stance.

The shove came from both sides of the political fence and still does.

Knowledgeable Democrats feel that Nixon may have picked a winner for the 1976 campaign if Ford should decide the Vice Presidency is not the end of the line for himself.

The latest Harris poll supports that hunch. It gives Ford a 48 per cent plurality as against 44 per cent for Teddy Kennedy and considerably fewer points for Senator Jackson. There is no assurance this straw poll would hold up as 1976 draws closer. Neither is there any indication it will deteriorate.

Ambitious Republicans are pressing Ford to announce a purely caretaker role.

Nelson Rockefeller resigned a few weeks ago as governor of New York state to devote full time on target practice for the 1976 campaign, and Illinois' Senator Charles Percy has all but said he hopes to drive a chariot

through the Republican convention hall.

Though speaking for their own ends, Percy and Rockefeller adopt common language in saying Ford's first duty is to the current Administration. What it means is they hope Jerry will go down the drain with Nixon.

Watergate to the contrary, politics is not all bad if only that no human institution or endeavor is free from it.

It is to human nature what the liver is to the body. The liver manufactures several chemicals absolutely vital to life and when it ceases to function that's the time to tell the undertaker to stand by.

Put three people together in any circumstance, in a house, an office, a church, a school, you name it, and within five minutes each will be playing off one against the other person.

This may not be what Jesus, Confucius, Mohammed and the other great religionists taught, but that's the way we humans try to get things done.

If people did not pursue this imperfect road to perfection and everyone did his own thing all the time, life would be an intolerable chaos.

The only time we throw off the apologist's role is when piety is introduced into the equation.

"I'm doing this for the good of," leaves us cold because it is so much what cannot be put in a family-oriented newspaper's cold print.

Clayton Fritchey, a very able columnist who takes a middle road view on public questions, wrote the other day that back in October, Ford was rumored to be so eager for the Vice Presidency he was willing to renounce any higher ambitions if Nixon so wished.

Some Democratic members of the Senate Judiciary committee which screens Presidential nominations suggested Jerry so declare himself.

How sound the rumor may be we do not know, but luckily for himself and his party Ford did not adopt Sherman's declaration of his own.

We happen to think he would make a first rate President and for backing in that opinion recall a recent comment by Phil Hart, a Democrat and Michigan's senior Senator. Said he, "There is little similarity between Mr. Ford's voting record and mine, but I have come to the conclusion that he would be a steady and a decent and a believable President."

The Senator did not mean to imply the time is high for the lion and the lamb to lie down together; only that bargains are not a thing of the past.

### Senator Sam Gives Word To His Aging Colleagues

The nationwide recognition gained for Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. through his chairmanship of the Senate Watergate committee dramatizes his decision not to seek re-election next year. That is a good thing, for Ervin's comments on this occasion could serve as a model for aged holders of elective office.

Ervin, known as something of a constitutional scholar is one of the Senate's most distinguished members. But he is 77 years old, a circumstance which prompted this enlightening comment: "If I should seek re-election in 1974, I would be asking North Carolinians to return me to the Senate for a term which would extend beyond the 84th anniversary of my birth. Since time takes a constantly accelerating

toll of those of us who live many years, it simply is not reasonable for me to assume that my eye will remain undimmed and my natural force unabated for so long a time."

The ancients in Congress are generally not inclined to adopt this view of their prospects. Even though aware of the decline in their powers, they tend to cling to office at all costs. The bulk of the cost in such cases is paid by such an officeholder's constituents, since no man of great age has the energy and endurance — sometimes not even the alertness — to serve them as well as might be.

### Shades Of Caesar

Julius Caesar was more than the conqueror of Gaul and the ruler of the Roman Empire. He was also, unofficially, the world's first traffic commissioner, a distinction he achieved by banning chariots from the center of Rome from sunrise to sunset.

To have done otherwise, historians say, would have permitted daily traffic jams endangering the lives of thousands. But Caesar's ultimate fate is also remembered.

Perhaps he should have gone about this differently. He could have ordered a one-mile-an-hour speed limit, or he could have banned the sale of hay on certain days.

Without hay, chariot steeds would have felt less dashing. Drivers forced to observe a pedestrian pace would have been bored. Caesar was unimaginative in his edicts.

### 'Well, If It Was Good Enough For Your Father...!'



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### STELTER QUILTS AFTER 30 YEARS — 1 Year Ago —

The dean of Lake township government has relinquished his title. Norman Stelter, 66, resigned as the township clerk, effective Dec. 20, because he is moving from the township into neighboring Lincoln township.

His departure marked the end of a career that spanned nearly 30 years. Stelter was elected to a new term as clerk in November unopposed. He was first elected to township office as clerk in 1943. He held that post for 12 years before losing to a Democratic challenger in 1955. In 1957, he began a term as township trustee that ended in 1961 when he was again elected clerk. He

#### BENTON HARBOR BOY KNOWS HIS BEARS — 10 Years Ago —

One of the few people hereabouts who can probably tell the sex of a black bear at a glance is Thomas Burger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burger, Benton Harbor. Burger learned the techniques for identifying sexes of the black bear from Stuart Marks, instructor in the fisheries and wildlife department at Michigan State University.

#### HOSPITAL FUND UP TO \$410,220 — 29 Years Ago —

Gifts totalling \$410,220 have

been made to St. Joseph's \$500,000 Memorial Hospital, according to announcement yesterday afternoon by J.H. Reinking, chairman of the audit committee of the campaign.

Posters announcing the general campaign, and urging citizens of the community to aid in the drive, were distributed today throughout the city by members of local troops of the Boy Scouts, under direction of M.P. Russell, Boy Scout executive. Displays dealing with the hospital campaign will appear in several downtown store windows within a few days, it was announced.

#### TO STAGE FLOOR SHOW — 39 Years Ago —

A brilliant floor show will mark the New Year's eve party at the Whitcomb hotel, according to Managing Director Leon J. Harris. A seven course dinner will be served at midnight.

#### PATROLS BEACH — 49 Years Ago —

Despite the cold, the United States coast guards are patrolling the beach of Lake Michigan every two hours through the day and night.

#### FRIDAYS START FACTORY — 39 Years Ago —

The Friday brothers — George, Jacob and Philip — among the largest fruit growers in Berrien county have bought a site in Coloma for erection of a large canning factory. They plan to give employment to 75 persons during the fruit season. Friday brothers also have let the contract for erection of a cold storage plant on one of their farms.

#### FINDS BEAGLE — 83 Years Ago —

Marshall Mergenthaler found Conrad Kammerer's fine beagle hound at Richard Fletcher's place near Coloma. The beagle had been stolen some time ago by a man in St. Joseph who had given it to Fletcher.

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

#### SAYS STRING INSTRUMENTS DON'T DETERIORATE

Editor, I understand the Board of Education of the Benton Harbor School system is going to sell the string instruments owned by the school system, because as they say, "they are deteriorating."

String instruments don't deteriorate. Did you ever hear of finding a lovely instrument in some one's attic? Maybe they need a few strings or having a bow rehaired. A member of the school board told me that no one chooses a string instrument any more.

I beg your pardon. I have Interlochen and Blue Lake music camp winners every year. They take their instruments to college and play in university orchestras. The local Symphony does not encourage local strings. — Did you ever read the Bible where it says: "Praise Him with Trumpets and Strings."

Pick your instrument and be ready. Let's bring culture to the local schools. It doesn't cost money, just people who care.

Andrews has a beautiful Symphony, as do the St. Joseph schools.

Norma G. Maxham  
Benton Harbor.

#### TRUDEAU BABY NAMED

OTTAWA (AP) — Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau says his new son will be named Alexandre Emmanuel after the saint, the czar or the pope. "Take the one you want."

### Bruce Bioassat



### A U.S. Primary? It's Not Likely

WASHINGTON (NEA) — A lot of politicians and political thinkers don't want to see a repeat in 1976 of the confused, strung-out setup of 23 primaries which presidential candidates had to confront in 1972.

It was no surprise, then, when a cluster of more than 50 U.S. state and local political office-holders, scholars and other specialists, gathered at Columbia University's American Assembly in a mountaintop mansion, voted strongly for a series of regional primaries to be held on staggered dates in future presidential years.

The idea is not new. Oregon's Sen. Robert Packwood has such a proposal. Generally, it is seen as an attractive variant on the concept of a fully national primary, to be held on a single day. Sens. Mike Mansfield and George Aiken have tossed that one into the hopper.

But sentiment runs against the national primary, and it found no measurable support at Columbia's Arden House. The objections are many, including the notions that it would in effect give us two national elections, would be costly, and because of its geographical spread could only be dealt with practically by the candidates through the second-hand medium of television.

The knowledgeable political figures at the American Assembly didn't put any meat on the bones of their regional ideal so their action was no endorsement of the Packwood plan except in broad principle.

As a matter of fact, though the regional system was reasonably well talked out in the Assembly's panel sessions over two full days, the group's final report in its original draft made no mention of regional primaries even as it did openly

veto the national plan. All that the original draft recommended was that the major parties find a way to "reduce the number and variety of state presidential primaries, or at least discourage their spread."

An amendment approved on the floor in the final plenary session got the regional proposal into the document.

Judging from the panel talk and the limited final floor debate, there seemed to be a feeling that presidential candidates could reasonably be expected to campaign in effective on-scene confrontation under the regional plan, so long as the actual voting dates for the various clustered primaries were staggered and they gained some interim time for rethinking and recuperation.

Most vocal advocates of the system at Arden House suggested that maybe five regional primary groupings would do it. For instance, there might be one for the Pacific states, another for the Mountain and Plains states, one for the South, and so on. Some participants thought that, in a given region, all states ought not to be included each time, but that a round-robin effect could be introduced — with those states left out of the primary picture in one presidential year picked up in the next one in place of others.

Not only at the Assembly, of course, but widely among the parties the 1972 pattern of primaries is considered an abomination. The scheduling of voting days, from early March to late June, was exhausting. So was the helterskelter geographic layout, which compelled candidates to hop about the land in nonsensical, costly, cross-hauling forays.

### Marianne Means



### DOT Stiffens Air Bag Fight

WASHINGTON — The Nixon Administration has launched a campaign to persuade state legislatures to make the use of automobile belts mandatory.

It is a signal that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has hardened its resistance to the air-bag concept, a passive restraint system which demands no inconvenience of the motorist. Most major auto manufacturers are opposed to air bags, and DOT has been reluctant to establish the requirements that would force bag development and installation.

The timing of the new auto safety campaign is less than spectacular. Most motorists are currently worried not about possible accidents but about having enough gas to drive their cars at all. And the next few years ought to be safer than ever before on the highways in any event, because motorists are being forced to drive at slower speeds and traffic will be reduced by the gas shortage.

Congress has refused to get involved in forcing people to wear their seat belts and DOT does not have authority to require it. So it is up to the states, which have generally been cool toward the idea so far.

It is not considered politically clever to try to legislate changes in personal, private-behavior patterns. And the public is not wild about buckling up, although undeniably doing so would save many lives. A recent Gallup Poll indicates only 28 per cent of motorists use their seat belts.

Nonetheless, the Transportation Department recently held its first national safety-belt usage conference at which some 500 participants discussed ways of nudging legislatures to act on the question.

Only one state, Rhode Island, currently requires the use of seat belts, and then only in official state government vehicles. Mandatory use regulations were introduced in more than 22 states last year. In most states, the bill did not get out of committee. The only bright prospects for passage appear to be in New Jersey, where one house has approved the measure.

Puerto Rico passed such a law, which will go into effect in January.

An auto safety expert from the Australian state of Victoria gave the conference a pep talk. Mandatory belt-use laws have been in effect there for two years. Drivers are fined up to \$20 for not buckling up, but 25 per cent of city motorists defy the law and refuse to wear their belts. The death toll, however, has dropped by 13 per cent since the law was passed.

Lap belts were made mandatory here on all new autos in 1967 and shoulder belts in 1968, but they are not popular. Public irritation is so widespread at the new ignition interlock system that although it was designed to be practically impossible to circumvent, many ingenious motorists have managed to disconnect it. A bill to outlaw the interlock system was introduced this fall by 47 Congressmen, who claim to be swamped by mail supporting the measure.

### BERRY'S WORLD



"It just occurred to me—I've never seen my little girl in a DRESS!"

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## Mayor Says 'Hands Tied' In Fight Against Crime



MAYOR JOSEPH  
Says Hands Are Tied

### Joseph Blames City Charter For Lack Of Authority

Benton Harbor Mayor Charles F. Joseph declared he is frustrated by the city charter in launching an effective attack against crime.

In a position statement on crime following last week's shooting of Det. Thomas Schadler, Joseph said he and the city commission lack authority to deal directly with the police department.

Det. Schadler was wounded six times Thursday, Dec. 20 by unknown gunman in downtown Benton Harbor record and wig shop. Despite his wounds,

Schadler was able to be home for Christmas. Rewards totaling \$1,560 have been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Schadler's attacker.

Joseph said the charter ties the hands of the elected mayor and commission, leaving the running of city departments to bureaucrats.

He also took a swipe at the new charter which is up for election Jan. 8, saying, "And if the new charter passes, we will be in a worse position because more authority is being taken away from the elected officials and given to the hired officials, who are not elected by the people."

The police department and general administration of the city are under the city manager. The manager is hired by the commission and is accountable to the commission. The manager hires all department heads except the city attorney and director of finance which are named by the commission.

Joseph urged stronger mayoral powers in the new charter. But the description of

the mayor's job in the new charter is virtually identical to the present charter.

Joseph termed the wounding of Schadler "senseless" and "despicable" and called for an attack on crime on three fronts.

He said action should come against crime itself, housing, and unemployment in a prepared statement. Following is the text of Joseph's statement:

The senseless, despicable shooting of Det. Tom Schadler has again called public attention to the need for quick, decisive action on the part of Benton Harbor city officials to deal with the problem of crime, and its awful effects on every citizen, and especially on the tax-payer who is footing the bill to run a city.

It has been said that crime is the city's major problem. I agree, it is one of the major problems. But, in order to effectively fight crime and put a stop to recurring and frequent acts of violence we must attack it on three fronts.

We must wage an all-out assault on all types of crime from purse-snatchings and petty larceny to armed hold-ups and the most heinous crime of all—the taking of another's life. We must get tough and let would-be perpetrators of such crimes know that we will not tolerate it and they will not escape unpunished. But, crime cannot be dealt with as a separate entity apart from its major causes.

Too many city residents are suffering from lack of adequate housing. Such substandard living conditions are demoralizing and dehumanizing. To be deprived of such a fundamental and basic need causes alienation and hostility, two basic reasons why crimes are committed.

The high rate of unemployment in the city leaves too many people with too much time on their hands. This fact, coupled with the severe economic hardships resulting from prolonged periods of unemployment leave many so desperate they resort to extralegal means just to secure a subsistence level of income.

To be sure, crime cannot be justified or explained away, solely by sociological theory. Not all crimes are committed because the person is alienated, frustrated, unemployed, or deprived.

However, if we are truly serious about eradicating crime from our city, we cannot afford to ignore any factors that may contribute to it. Therefore, a concentrated massive effort to curb crime and to resolve the underlying causes that nurture its continuance is our priority item of business.

Some may ask why the city commission has not adopted a stronger policy in the areas of police enforcement and crime control. Others may wonder why I have not, as the chief executive of the city, taken the administrative action necessary to implement effective and decisive measures needed to stop the escalating crime rate.

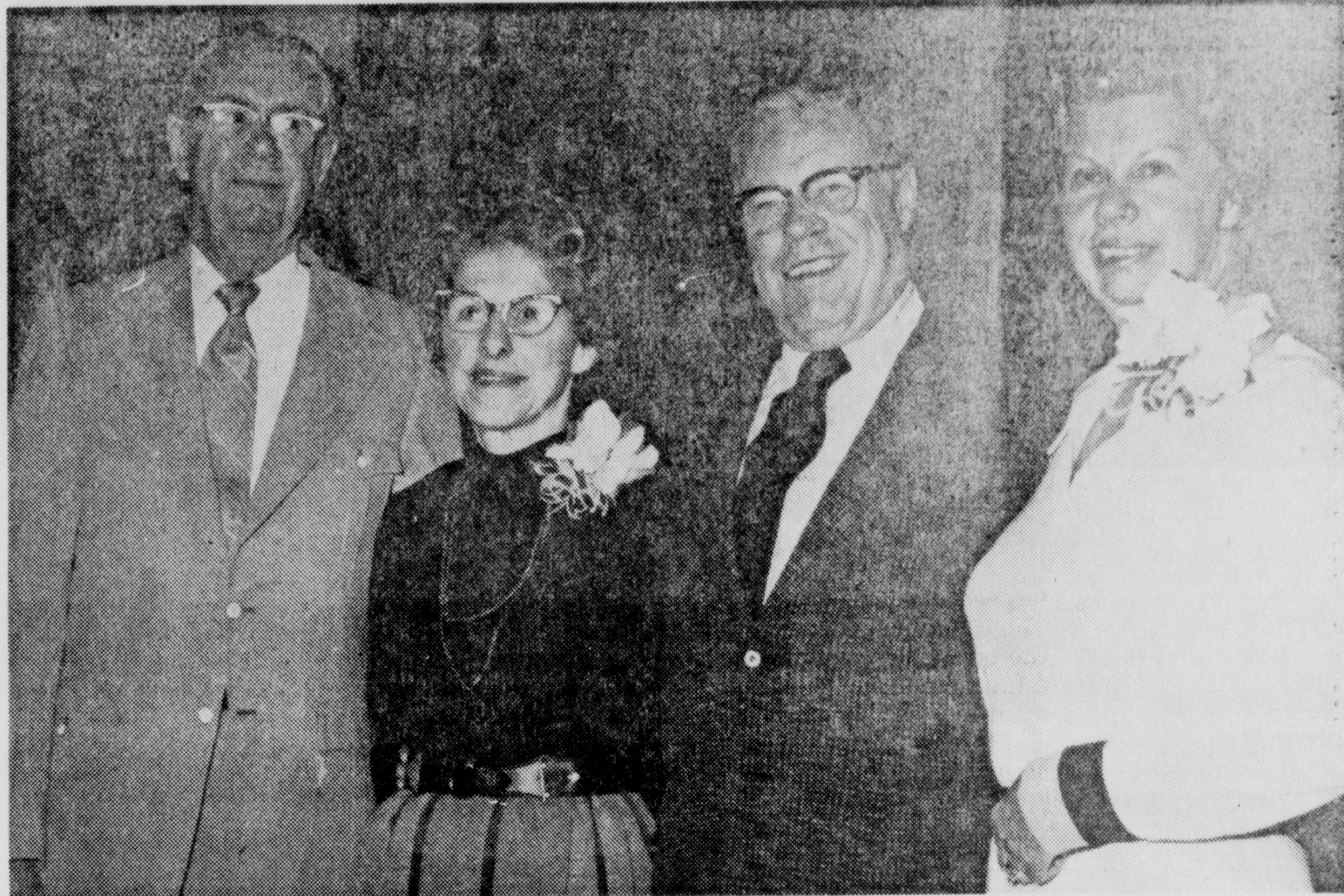
The reason is not due to a lack of concern or desire on the part of the city commission or myself. Rather, we find ourselves without the authority to deal directly with the police department due to the present charter.

And if the new charter passes, we will be in a worse position because more authority is being taken away from the elected officials and given to the hired officials, who are not elected by the people.

Not many of our residents are aware we do not have the power to direct the various departments supported by the taxpayer's money, even though we are the elected city officials.

The safety, health, and welfare of our residents is too important to leave to bureaucrats who are not directly accountable to the people.

An all-out concentrated attack on crime will be possible as city residents demand that such action be taken and support their elected city officials in pursuing the necessary ways and means of eliminating this blight from our city.



**LELAND HILL HONORED:** St. Joseph City Manager Leland Hill, left above with Mrs. Hill, was honored yesterday on the eve of his retirement at a Berrien Hills Country Club breakfast. Among the speakers praising Hill's accomplishments on behalf of the city was Congressman Edward Hutchinson, shown at right with Mrs. Hutchinson. Event, attended by 200, was sponsored by St. Joseph Improvement Association. Former Mayor Clifford

Emlong was master of ceremonies. Mayor Franklin Smith and Hill's successor as city manager, Gerald Hepler, presented the city's thanks. Dr. Richard Ziehmer, superintendent of St. Joseph schools, thanked Hill for his cooperation with the school system. Bert Lindenfeld, managing editor of this newspaper, voiced the city residents' gratitude for Hill's 23 years as manager. (Staff Photo)

## Mrs. Knipschild, Vinegar Firm Co-Owner, Dies

Mrs. Edna Louis Knipschild, 83, of 741 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor co-owner and



MRS. EDNA KNIPSCHILD

### Breaks Leg

Meryl Gillespie, wife of twin cities druggist Robert Gillespie, is in Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph, as the result of an accident in her home Wednesday.

According to her husband, Mrs. Gillespie was working in the kitchen of their Mt. Curve, St. Joseph home when she went to turn around, slipped, and fell on her right side. A bone in the right hip area was broken.

Mrs. Gillespie is expected to be hospitalized for a week or 10 days, according to her husband.

treasurer of Spielmann Vinegar Company, died Thursday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. Knipschild was an active business woman despite her age. Her body was discovered by her son, Charles, who became alarmed because his mother had not gone to the office Thursday as usual. Death was attributed to natural causes.

Charles Knipschild is president of Spielmann Vinegar Company which was founded in Benton Harbor in 1918 by his father, the late Arthur S. Knipschild and Charles Spielmann as an offshoot of Spielmann Brothers of Chicago.

Mrs. Knipschild was born April 22, 1890, in Detroit. On April 28, 1916, she married Arthur S. Knipschild, who died in 1952.

Mrs. Knipschild was past president and a board member of the Michigan Children's Aid Society local branch and also a member of Berrien Hills Country Club.

Surviving in addition to Charles are two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. William (Katherine) Windish of Detroit.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Benton Harbor First Congregational church. Burial will be Monday in Crystal Springs cemetery.

Friends may call at the Pipestone chapel, Florin funeral home.

## Estate Left To Church And Charity

A petition was filed this week in Berrien probate court to probate the \$54,326 estate of Mrs. Bessie Sauerbier, 84, of 901 Kingsley avenue, St. Joseph, who died Nov. 24.

She was the widow of Harry Sauerbier who died in 1958.

A 1973 will bequeaths real estate and home furnishings to Norman Michael of St. Joseph, \$1,000 to Christopher Charles Rowlie of St. Joseph, and the rest of her estate in equal shares to the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass., and the division of services for crippled children of the Michigan Department of Public Health in Grand Rapids.

### GRADUATES

BUCHANAN — Thaddeus R. Stephens, son of Mrs. Charlotte Stephens of 316 Liberty avenue, Buchanan, was graduated from Tri-State college at Angola, Ind., Dec. 15 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is a graduate of Buchanan high school.



**GIFTS OF GRATITUDE:** John S. Stubblefield, president of the Improvement Association, congratulates Manager and Mrs. Hill at conclusion of yesterday's breakfast. Hills are holding gifts presented by the association, an inscribed silver tray and pitcher. Stubblefield also presented a framed copy of the inscription "you can hang on your wall and just point to if Mrs. Hill ever doubts how great you are." Hill steps down as city manager at midnight, Dec. 31. (Staff Photo)

## Monday Office Hours

Many governmental offices will be closed, Monday, Dec. 31; while some others will operate on a reduced schedule. Following is a list of openings and closings for Dec. 31:

Benton Harbor city offices: 8:30 a.m.-noon.

St. Joseph: 8 a.m.-noon.

Benton township: open.

St. Joseph township: closed.

All municipalities will have trash pickups on Monday, except St. Joseph, which will have pickups until noon. Pickups for the 1st will be made on the 2nd in all cases.

Federal and state buildings: closed.

Berrien county courthouse: open, with courts having one judge available for arraignments after 1 p.m.

Berrien social services office: closed.

Post offices: Windows open 8 a.m.-noon. Lock box lobbies open and regular pickups and deliveries in afternoon.

Inter-City and Farmers and Merchants banks: open 9-5. Peoples bank open from 9-3, and First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan open 9-2.

St. Joseph Savings and Loan Association: open 9-3.

Peoples Savings Association: open 9-1.

## Not As Big As Usual, But . . . To Send Our New Year's Edition

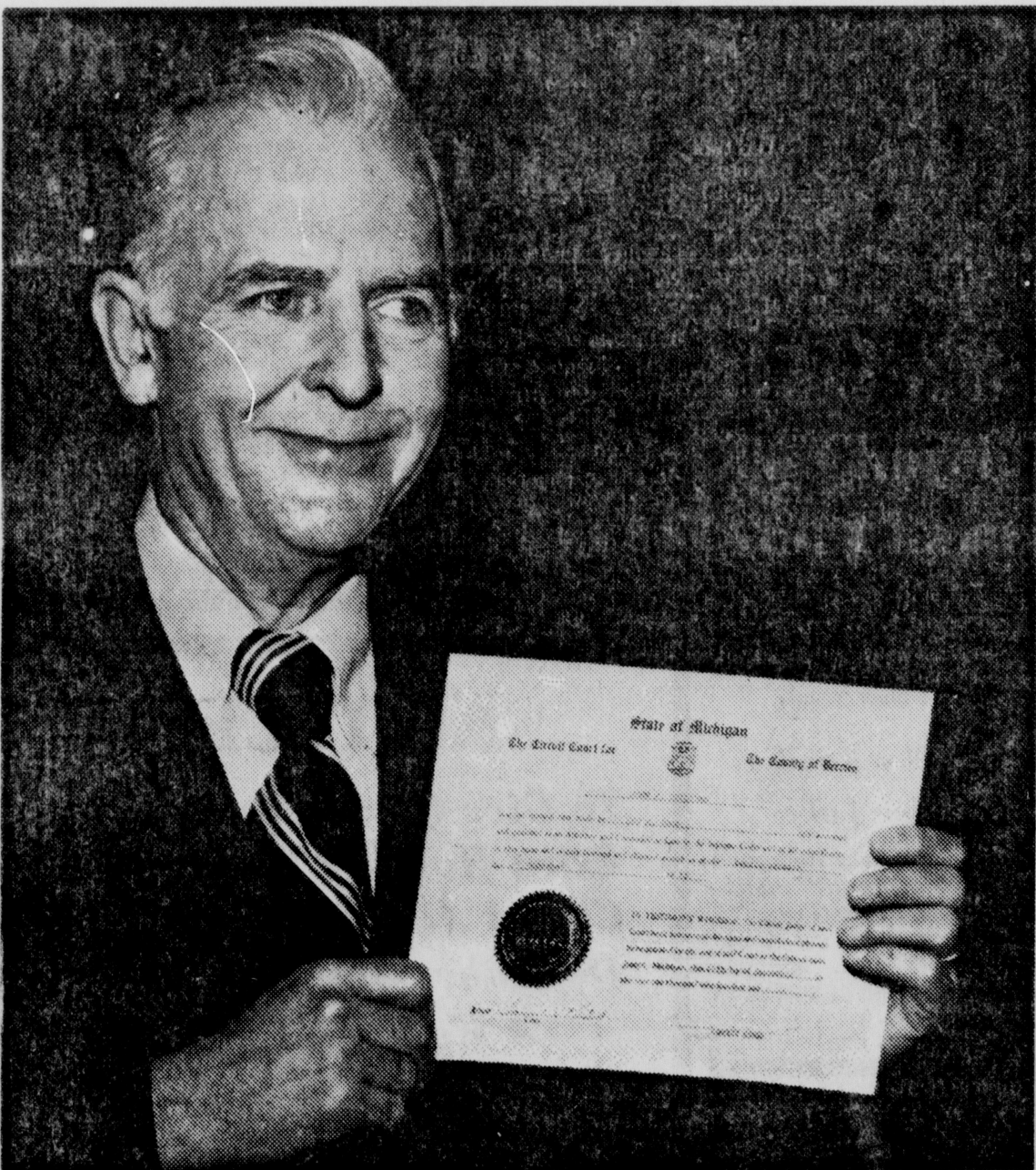
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Because of the newsprint shortage, this newspaper's annual New Year's edition won't be as big as usual. Still, in highlight form, it will tell the story of Southwestern Michigan during 1973. All major developments will be covered concerning the people and places that made news throughout Berrien, Van Buren, Cass and Allegan counties. The edition will be published Dec. 31.



**THIRD CAREER?:** Occasion of this satisfied smile by John F. Sullivan was his admission to the bar at age 57, in Berrien circuit court Thursday. Sullivan, of St. Joseph township, graduated from University of Michigan law school in 1947 and immediately joined the FBI. He retired as FBI agent in 1971 after nearly 24 years and now is personnel director and security officer for Farmers & Merchants National bank, Benton Harbor. He will stay on that job. He recently took the state bar examination and was admitted to bar yesterday by Judge William J. White. (Staff photo)



**SERVICE AWARDS:** Silas Legg (second from right), citizen director of Citizens Steering Council for local Model Cities program, last night presented service awards to four members of Model Cities council representing Benton Harbor and Benton

township governments. Receiving awards are (from left): Benton Harbor Mayor Charles Joseph, Township Trustee Walter Slowik, former city Commissioner Daniel Chapman, Legg, and Township Supervisor Martin J. Lane.



## Van Buren Deputies Seeking Arbitration

By GARRETT DeGRAFF

Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren sheriff's deputies have requested that stalled salary negotiations with the county go to binding arbitration. Donald Hanson, chairman of the county board of commissioners, told a meeting of the board last night.

Hanson reported that he had been sent a copy of a letter from the deputies' union to the Michigan Employment Rela-

tions commission (MERC), asking that a MERC arbitrator be assigned.

The letter, dated Dec. 20, was signed by Teamsters union representative Paul Gully of Detroit.

Salary talks between the 12 deputies, members of the Teamsters union law enforcement division, and the county commission began in late summer.

Deputies have since rejected as inadequate a six per cent pay hike approved by the commission for all county employees and a subsequent offer reported to have been greater than six per cent.

Deputies are to be paid 1973 wages pending settlement of arbitration. Commissioners Walter Stickels and Gerald Rendel reported. The base salary for deputies now is about \$7,600.

At issue are wages and fringe benefits the deputies are to receive in 1974. The salary negotiations are the first since the deputies organized into a union in January.

The sheriff's department's command officers are not represented by the Teamsters. They organized as a bargaining unit this fall under the Fraternal Order of Police.

In other action, the commission approved formation of a Van Buren Commission on Aging. Formation of the county commission on aging was requested in petitions presented to the board Dec. 12.

As approved, nine persons are to be appointed to the commission by the county board, with these nine being able to add members up to a maximum of 21. The nine named by the county board will serve staggered three-year terms.

The new commission will work for solutions to the problems of the aged in the county. Commissioner Lloyd Martin stated.

Funds for the commission raised locally will be matched nine to one by state monies, Martin reported. He said plans call for the local funds to be raised by the commission on aging without financial support from the county board.

Commissioners voted a 1974 allocation of \$2,657 for the tri-county commission on aging the county board voted to join in November. The regional commission also includes Cass and Berrien counties.

The \$2,657 is Van Buren's share of \$7,971 being raised in the three counties to match \$23,913 in federal funds that are available, Martin reported.

The board approved a resolution calling for Michigan to be returned to the central time zone in light of federal action to place the nation on daylight saving time beginning in January as a means to conserve energy.

The resolution states that more energy would be used in the state under eastern day light saving time because darkness would extend late into the morning.

No action was taken on a request that the board endorse the Southwestern Michigan Comprehensive Health Planning association pending receipt by commissioners of a copy of the association's bylaws and other written information.

The written material was requested by Commissioner William Taft after John Ross, executive director of the association, appeared asking for the board's endorsement. Ross said the endorsement would not obligate the commissioners to provide financial support to the association, which serves Cass, Berrien and Van Buren counties.

Ross said the association is a nonprofit organization of health care providers and consumers that makes studies and recommendations on health issues.

The board approved purchase of a half-ton pickup truck for the county dog warden from Dwyer Chevrolet Inc. of Lawrence for a low bid, including trade-in, of \$1,849.



**NEW BUFFALO HARBOR PROJECT:** After a decade of setbacks, \$2 million plus New Buffalo harbor improvement project is scheduled to start in April or May of next year. Army Corps of Engineers awarded contract for project to Bultema Dock and Dredge company of Muskegon in September. Involved in project is creation of a safe small craft

refuge harbor in mouth of Galien river where it enters Lake Michigan at New Buffalo. Financing for project is coming primarily from federal and state funds. Adolph Hann aerial photo looks inland from Lake Michigan, with harbor mouth located at bottom of picture.

**ROBBERY SCENE:** South Haven patrolman Michael McAllister, takes statements from employees of A & P grocery store after store was robbed of \$230 last night. Two men, one armed with a 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun, robbed store about 8:30 p.m. Money was taken from cash register, police said. (Tom Renner photo)

## South Haven Store Robbed At Gunpoint

**SOUTH HAVEN —** Two men, one armed with a 12-gauge, sawed-off shotgun, took \$230 from the A & P grocery store, 514 Huron street, in a holdup about a half-hour before the store was to close last night, according to South Haven city police.

Police said the men, described as blacks in their early 20's, forced three employees to lie on the floor before taking the money from a cash register and fleeing. No customers were in the store at the time and employees were preparing for closing at 9 p.m.

Receipts from several other cash registers had already been put in the store safe and employees told the bandits they were unable to open the safe, police reported.

Police said one of the bandits wore a long brown overcoat and a gray floppy hat while the other wore a long, green, army-type overcoat and a purple floppy hat.

Both holdup men were described as being about six feet tall, police said.

Police said no shots were fired and none of the employees was injured.

## Warning Shot Halts Young St. Joe Burglary Suspect

A 16-year-old boy was apprehended this morning near the scene of a burglary when a St. Joseph patrolman fired a warning shot in the air.

Police said the youth was fleeing from the Kwik Kleen car wash, 2434 Cleveland avenue, where a coin box had been looted.

Another youth also was arrested when his mother

brought him to the scene of the burglary.

St. Joseph Det. Lt. Tom Cooper said the arrests also solved another car wash burglary early this morning with the recovery of \$103 allegedly taken from the two businesses.

Benton township police reported the other burglary occurred at the Blue Waters car wash, 1832 M-139. Officers said coin boxes in both car washes had been broken into.

Patrolman Tom Burrows found the damaged coin box in the St. Joseph car wash about 3:45 a.m., and one youth was apprehended after Patrolman Cliff Munson fired a warning shot as the youth was fleeing on foot, Cooper said. Police said a registration check of a car left at the scene revealed the owner's name, and after contacting the home, the boy's

mother brought the youth back to the car wash. Officers said both boys are 16-years-old and reside in St. Joseph township.

Cooper said the youths were arrested on breaking and entering charges, and while at the police station, admitted the township burglary. Cooper added three more youths will be charged in connection with the burglaries.



**TREASURER:** Nathan Ellis, 37, county road 315, Grand Junction, has been appointed treasurer of Columbia township to fill vacancy created by death of Donald Landeck. Ellis, a blueberry grower, is married and has two children.

## Search River For Man's Body

**PORT HURON, Mich. (AP) —** City police continued their search Thursday for a Port Huron man believed drowned in the Black River.

Authorities said Jack Haar, 20, disappeared while scuba diving in the river Wednesday. Haar had been trying to break up river ice near the Port Huron city marina when he disappeared, police said.

By RICHARD L. STERN  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP) —** With the advent of the energy crisis, we the consumer, find ourselves blamed for perpetuating what business and government have been telling us is the American way of life.

William E. Simon, the new energy chief, pointing at the consumer, recently said, "It is obvious we have been a nation of great energy wastrels."

But with a lack of government planning in the past and with business pushing us to use its products, are we truly wastrels? Or, perhaps, are we the victims?

We have bought bigger and faster gasoline guzzlers as Madison Avenue painted

television pictures for us to warm summer nights with beautiful men and women snuggled in their vinyl-upholstered, air-conditioned, power-braked cars.

Harried housewives have watched as carefully coiffed actresses, playing their counterparts in television commercials, supposedly doubled leisure time with bigger washers and driers, garbage disposals, electric mixers, knives and can openers, and made their lives easier with petroleum-derived plastic bags, detergents and waxes.

Indeed, for years, it was the Detroit auto makers who steadfastly refused to give Americans small domestic cars

until they realized their customers were buying imported cars.

In Washington, until very recently, our political leaders were reluctant to allot to mass transit a share of the billions of dollars in highway funds realized through gasoline excise taxes.

Railroads were one direct victim of our mania for autos. But government disinterest abetted the decline of rails. Mail service, for instance, was increasingly diverted to the airlines.

Railroad executives, instead of fighting for the passenger market, gave in to the airlines, buses and cars. Railroad service and scheduling faltered, and in many cases was

dropped.

Now we question whether this should have happened. New high-speed Amtrack service between Washington and New York was booked to capacity even before the energy crisis. The rails, it seems, still have allure.

Little was revealed about the coming energy crisis that we are now told was foreseen by many experts.

The oil companies told us about friendly service and high octane gasoline that not only drove our auto monsters but helped keep their engines clean.

Corporate executives, and indeed the president of the United States, lived in a

manner which epitomized the American dream — high-speed jets, helicopters, limousines, and homes at the far reaches of the American continent.

How many commuters stuck in traffic jams on federally subsidized highways leading to Los Angeles, the epitome of a world the auto created, have dreamed of a smog-free alternative, such as high speed, modern commuter lines?

And now, after trying to live the American dream, what are Stephen and Vilma Roumell of New Buffalo, Mich., who must commute about 50 miles a day in a rural area devoid of public transport, supposed to do with their gas guzzlers when the government calls on them not to buy more than 10 gallons of

gas a week?

Are they really the culprits? Or, like the rest of us, are they merely the victims?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** If you're wondering how Atty. Stephen Roumell and his wife Vilma of New Buffalo happen to be mentioned in the above article, consider this: Richard L. Stern, the writer, is their son-in-law, married to the former Stephanie Roumell. The couple resides in New York City where Stern is a business news writer for the Associated Press. Besides a law practice which calls him often to the county seat of St. Joseph 25 miles from New Buffalo, Roumell and his wife publish the New Buffalo Times, a weekly newspaper.

## Teen Admits Long Series Of Dowagiac Break-Ins

BY ALAN AREND  
Staff Writer

**DOWAGIAC —** A 14-year-old boy has been arrested by Dowagiac city police in connection with a reported 20 to 30 break-ins here, including Dowagiac Community State bank early Thursday morning.

Police Chief George Grady said the arrest had cleared up the break-ins which occurred over the past several months in the city. Four other juveniles have been implicated in the break-ins and several more still have to be questioned, according to Grady. The youths were apparently operating as a loosely-knit gang, sometimes working together, the chief indicated.

The one youth was arrested shortly after 2 a.m. Thursday, after three city police officers followed tracks in the snow through the streets and alleys of Dowagiac. All of the youths involved are white, Grady said.

Grady said the officers found a youth inside Behnke's paint store, West Railroad street, but that upon seeing the officers the youth fled to a private garage about a block away where he was taken into custody.

It was later learned the boy had entered the bank that same night by prying open the bank's front door with a heavy knife. The youth was reported to have opened two teller's drawers. Nothing was taken, according to police.

Andrew Maseyko, FBI agent at Benton Harbor, who said the break-in was a federal offense, reported however, that Assistant U.S. Atty. Spies decided to defer possible federal prosecution in favor of the Cass county juvenile authorities because the bank suffered no loss and the youth's age.

Maseyko said the boy told him he entered the bank to get warm and look around.

Grady said the youth was apparently the leader of the youths involved in the rash of break-ins. He said "about every church in town," local businesses, homes and garages had been entered.

Grady said the boy would wait until his parents were asleep, before he would leave his home, staying out for most of the night and returning home before his parents awoke.

The chief said the youth had begun to develop his own what appeared to be his kit of burglary tools, including a knife and flashlight.

Following the arrest police recovered, among other things, a typewriter, bicycles, records, a portable record player, numerous small items, including a Bible.

Undetermined amounts of petty cash were taken in the rash of break-ins but it was presumably spent, according to Grady. Other stolen items were apparently given away, according to Grady.

## Bainbridge 'Service Day'

Bainbridge township officials will hold a service day for township residents Saturday, Jan. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the township hall on Territorial road. James Lull, township treasurer, said that during the day voter registrations will be taken by Township Clerk Mrs. Beverly Koroch, and Lull will collect taxes and issue dog licenses. No vaccinations for dogs will be administered, however. Also, according to Lull, Township Supervisor Leonard Smith Jr., will assist senior citizens and veterans with their new property tax exemption forms.

## New Buffalo Pair Mentioned Are We Energy Wastrels Or Victims?



## Smietanka Is New Berrien Prosecutor

John Smietanka, chief assistant prosecutor of Berrien county, has been named interim county prosecutor to succeed Ronald J. Taylor whose resignation becomes effective Feb. 1.

Smietanka's appointment, which continues until a county prosecutor is elected in either the 1974 or 1976 election, was announced this morning in a release from Presiding Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns.

Taylor, prosecutor since 1968, announced his resignation earlier this month to return to private law practice and a normal home life and to hold himself open for appointment to a higher office. His second term would have expired in 1976.

Smietanka, 32, has been on a leave of absence in England since September observing and studying the English court system. He is expected to return about Jan. 25.

Smietanka joined the prosecutor's staff in March 1970 as administrative and appellate assistant and was made chief assistant prosecutor last year. He will receive the prosecutor's salary of \$24,000 as interim prosecutor.

Two conflicting statutes leave unresolved whether Smietanka's appointment is to the end of Taylor's second term in November 1976 or until the next election.

(See back page, sec. 1, col 7)



JOHN SMIETANKA  
New Prosecutor

## Berrien Road Board Names Webb Chief

Thomas A. Webb, engineer for the Berrien county road commission since 1962, was named engineer-manager of the road commission by its board today.

The new job, total boss of the road commission under the board's direction, is effective Dec. 31.

Webb, 51, a Cadillac native and holder of a civil engineering degree from University of Michigan in 1950, replaces Heath Calvin.

Calvin was engineer-manager from 1956 to 1970, resigned at age 65, but continued in the position on a "consulting" basis.

Webb worked for the Illinois division of highways a year, then 3 years with McLean county, Ill., highway department, then 9 years with the St. Joseph county, Mich., road commission. He's been with the Berrien road commission since 1962, first as chief engineer and since 1970 as county highway engineer.

He lives at route 3, Pier road, Benton Harbor, with his wife, Betty, and two of their four children.

Webb's salary in the new post will be \$20,800, according to Martin Tretheway, commission chairman who made the announcement this morning.



THOMAS A. WEBB  
New Road Chief

# SIMON ORDERS TIGHT OIL REIN



**VETERANS' CHECKS SNAGGED:** Mary F. Mason, left, and Jane Gulley, supervisory employees in the Los Angeles Veterans' Administration office, hand-process hardship checks for Vietnam veterans which were not received because of a massive clerical snafu. Hundreds of veterans haven't received subsistence checks since September, resulting in some having to exist on food stamps and others having to drop out of school. (AP Wirephoto)

## 6-Degree Heat Cut In Homes

Gas Stations Are Moved To End Of Line

By STAN BENJAMIN  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy chief William E. Simon ordered during the night a six-degree cut in oil-fired home heating and put service stations last in line for gasoline, starting Jan. 15.

Differing fundamentally from previous appeals, Simon's order to lower thermostats now placed a direct legal obligation on the householder or property-owner to comply. If he doesn't, he will run out of oil.

Commercial buildings heated with oil must drop their thermostats 10 degrees.

The temperature reductions must be made below the thermostat settings used in the corresponding month of 1972.

Buildings heated with gas, electricity or coal are not included in this order.

The Federal Energy Office said it was making Jan. 15 "the implementation date for all provisions" — regardless of varying dates of legal effectiveness — because of substantial revisions that made it "impractical to expect instantaneous compliance."

The administration has had mandatory allocation programs in effect for propane since last Oct. 2 and for middle distillate oils, including home heating oil and diesel fuel since Nov. 1.

But they are relatively crude systems, assigning priorities to certain classes of users, but without the detailed quantities, percentages, and thermostat reductions imposed by the new regulations.

Rules for gasoline, butane gas, home heating oil and diesel fuel take effect Jan. 11, replacing existing programs in effect until then. The other regulations are now effective and all of them are to be fully applied beginning (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



**ORANGE GROVE IS GRAVEYARD:** Dr. Alicia Moure, pathologist, and Sgt. Buzzy Patterson, Brevard County (Florida) homicide squad, remove skull for identification. Sheriff's deputies located a fourth body in an orange grove near Titusville Thursday. Deputies were searching for evidence in connection with the deaths of three women. (AP Wirephoto)

## Canada May Triple Export Tax On Oil

OTTAWA (AP) — The Canadian government proposed on Thursday that the export tax on Canadian crude oil be increased more than three times its present \$1.90 a barrel.

Energy Minister Donald Macdonald said the tax would be hiked to \$6.50 a barrel Feb. 1 unless some other arrangement is made at a conference of Canadian federal and province leaders in late January.

The tax, first imposed at 40 cents a barrel Oct. 1, rose to \$1.90 a barrel Dec. 1 and is scheduled to go up to \$2.20 Jan. 1.

Canada is the leading foreign supplier of oil to the United States, which imports about one million barrels of Canadian crude daily, and a roughly equal amount of refined products.

At a news conference, Macdonald said the \$6.50 rate would close the gap between the frozen domestic price of crude oil, about \$4 a barrel, and the going rate on world markets.

Recent doubling of oil prices by Middle East oil producers and similar plans forthcoming from Venezuela will raise the price of imported crude to about \$10.50 a barrel at Montreal refineries, he said.

Canadians living east of the Ottawa Valley, who rely almost exclusively on imported oil, will have to pay about 12 cents more for a gallon of gasoline or heating oil, Macdonald said.

He indicated the government would use funds from the export tax to finance any subsidy program decided for the areas of eastern Canada dependent on imported oil.

John Poyen, president of the Canadian Petroleum Association, said Canada is inviting retaliation from the United States if it imposes the \$6.50 tariff.

"I'm very concerned that the United States may take massive retaliatory action against Canada because they are pushed to the brink of retaliation and I don't blame them," he said.

## Winning Numbers

BRIGHTON, Mich. (AP) — The winning numbers in today's weekly drawing in the Michigan State Lottery are 360 and 266.

The second chance numbers are 757 and 531.

Flagship Rest. New Yrs. Eve Dance. Hightowers. Ben Worley, hypnotist. Adv.

City of St. Joseph-Rubbish collection scheduled for Mon. Dec. 31 in AM only. Tues. Jan. 1 will be picked up Wed. Jan. 2. Adv.

Sanitary Cleaner Offices will close at 5 New Yr. Eve. Adv.

Rent snomble. P. Paw Lake Golf. Adv.

Both of your Jewell Food Stores will be closed New Year's Eve at 5:30 PM

## Police Comb Orange Grove After Four Bodies Found

TITUSVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Police hope infrared photographs will show whether any more bodies have been buried in an area in which the remains of four females have been found since Thanksgiving.

Authorities said 12 females between the ages of 12 and 20 have been reported missing in the area recently.

An Air Force plane photographed the strip of orange groves and pine woods Thursday with cameras loaded with infrared film. And photo experts from the National Aeronautic and Space Administration were to team with police investigators today to study the pictures.

Police said any other burial sites in the strip — eight miles long and less than a mile wide — might show up in the pictures as hot spots from the heat given off by decaying organic material.

Brevard County Sheriff Leigh Wilson said he also would have teams comb the strip across the Indian River from Cape Canaveral again today.

The latest skeleton to be unearthed was of a 12-to 14-year-old girl. It was found Thursday in an orange grove. Another body was found Christmas morning; and two others, both shot in the head, were found in late November.

"You find four girls dead in an orange grove, and there must be a link," said Wilson.

His chief investigator, S. R. DeWitt agreed: "In my opinion, they are connected. At this time we have nothing to indicate the contrary."

The body found Christmas day was identified Thursday as that of Carolyn Jan Bennett, 17, of nearby Mims. She had been missing since Nov. 11.

DeWitt said the fourth body was found by officers searching for clues in Miss Bennett's death.

The first body was that of Paula Hamric, 22, of Titusville. It was found at the north end of the strip. A few days later, the body of Nancy Gerry, 25, also of Titusville, was found near Mims, about two-thirds of the way down the strip.

The bodies of Miss Bennett and the girl were half a mile apart and about 1 1/2 miles south of Mims, DeWitt said.

Police said two of the victims were last seen while hitchhiking. "These were brutal murders," said Wilson, adding that two of the victims had their hands tied behind their backs and all four had been at least partially stripped of clothing.

Attending physicians have confirmed that Chester Byrns, presiding judge of Berrien county circuit court, suffered a heart attack Christmas Day.

Robert A. Bradburn, administrator of St. Joseph Memorial hospital, quoted the physicians as saying Judge Byrns will require "conservatively, a recuperation period of at least three months."

Bradburn added that the St. Joseph jurist will remain in the hospital several weeks. He was admitted to Memorial's intensive care unit Tuesday, suffering from chest pains.

The 51-year-old judge is not permitted visitors other than members of his immediate family.

## Physicians Say Judge Suffered Heart Attack

## Fire Kills Pups Valued At \$1,500

Nine Golden Retriever puppies valued at more than \$1,500 died Thursday about 2 p.m. when a kennel they were in caught on fire at the home of Brenda Gelesko, Lot eight, at the Meadowbrook Park Trailer Park, Park road, Benton township firemen reported.

The fire, which totally destroyed the kennel, started from faulty wiring of a heat lamp used to keep the pups warm.

Brenda Gelesko stated four dogs were saved after the fire broke out, three full grown retrievers and one pup. Fireman reported the blaze was contained in the kennel area.

## Ford No. 1 In Presidential Poll

NEW YORK (AP) — The Harris poll reports that Vice President Gerald R. Ford placed ahead of Democratic Sens. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Henry M. Jackson of Washington in a recent survey involving potential 1976 presidential contenders.

Results of the poll, released Thursday, indicated that the proportion of undecided voters was large enough to change the outcome in a possible race between Ford, a Michigan Republican, and either Democrat.

Figures in the Harris survey were: —Ford, 48 per cent; Kennedy, 44 per cent; 8 per cent unsure. —Ford, 43 per cent; Jackson, 41 per cent; 16 per cent unsure.

In the poll, a cross-section of 1,103 likely voters was asked: "If the 1976 elections were being held today, and you had to choose, would you vote for Gerald Ford on the Republican ticket for president or for Sen. Edward Kennedy, Sen. Henry Jackson on the Democratic ticket?"

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**W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher**  
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"It just occurred to me—I've never seen my little girl in a DRESS!"



## Mayor Says 'Hands Tied' In Fight Against Crime



MAYOR JOSEPH  
Says Hands Are Tied

### Joseph Blames City Charter For Lack Of Authority

Benton Harbor Mayor Charles F. Joseph declared he is frustrated by the city charter in launching an effective attack against crime.

In a position statement on crime following last week's shooting of Det. Thomas Schadler, Joseph said he and the city commission lack authority to deal directly with the police department.

Det. Schadler was wounded six times Thursday, Dec. 20 by unknown gunman in downtown Benton Harbor record and wig shop. Despite his wounds,

Schadler was able to be home for Christmas. Rewards totaling \$1,560 have been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Schadler's attacker.

Joseph said the charter ties the hands of the elected mayor and commission, leaving the running of city departments to bureaucrats.

He also took a swipe at the new charter which is up for election Jan. 8, saying: "And if the new charter passes, we will be in a worse position because more authority is being taken away from the elected officials and given to the hired officials, who are not elected by the people."

The police department and general administration of the city are under the city manager. The manager is hired by the commission and is accountable to the commission. The manager hires all department heads except the city attorney and director of finance which are named by the commission.

Joseph urged stronger mayoral powers in the new charter. But the description of

the mayor's job in the new charter is virtually identical to the present charter.

Joseph termed the wounding of Schadler "senseless" and "despicable" and called for an attack on crime on three fronts.

He said action should come against crime itself, housing, and unemployment in a prepared statement. Following is the text of Joseph's statement:

The senseless, despicable shooting of Det. Tom Schadler has again called public attention to the need for quick, decisive action on the part of Benton Harbor city officials to deal with the problem of crime, and its awful effects on every citizen, and especially on the tax-payer who is footing the bill to run a city.

It has been said that crime is the city's major problem. I agree, it is one of the major problems. But, in order to effectively fight crime and put a stop to recurring and frequent acts of violence we must attack it on three fronts.

We must wage an all-out assault on all types of crime from purse-snatchings and petty larceny to armed hold-ups and the most heinous crime of all—the taking of another's life. We must get tough and let would-be perpetrators of such crimes know that we will not tolerate it and they will not escape unpunished. But, crime cannot be dealt with as a separate entity apart from its major causes.

Too many city residents are suffering from lack of adequate housing. Such substandard living conditions are demoralizing and dehumanizing. To be deprived of such a fundamental and basic need causes alienation and hostility, two basic reasons why crimes are committed.

The high rate of unemployment in the city leaves too many people with too much time on their hands. This fact, coupled with the severe economic hardships resulting from prolonged periods of unemployment leave many so desperate they resort to extra-legal means just to secure a subsistence level of income.

To be sure, crime cannot be justified or explained away, solely by sociological theory. Not all crimes are committed because the person is alienated, frustrated, unemployed, or deprived.

However, if we are truly serious about eradicating crime from our city, we cannot afford to ignore any factors that may contribute to it. Therefore, a concentrated massive effort to curb crime and to resolve the underlying causes that nurture its continuance is our priority item of business.

Some may ask why the city commission has not adopted a stronger policy in the areas of police enforcement and crime control. Others may wonder why I have not, as the chief executive of the city, taken the administrative action necessary to implement effective and decisive measures needed to stop the escalating crime rate.

The reason is not due to a lack of concern or desire on the part of the city commission or myself. Rather, we find ourselves without the authority to deal directly with the police department due to the present charter.

And if the new charter passes, we will be in a worse position because more authority is being taken away from the elected officials and given to the hired officials, who are not elected by the people.

Not many of our residents are aware we do not have the power to direct the various departments supported by the tax-payer's money, even though we are the elected city officials.

The safety, health, and welfare of our residents is too important to leave to bureaucrats who are not directly accountable to the people.

An all-out concentrated attack on crime will be possible as city residents demand that such action be taken and support their elected city officials in pursuing the necessary ways and means of eliminating this blight from our city.



**LELAND HILL HONORED:** St. Joseph City Manager Leland Hill, left above with Mrs. Hill, was honored yesterday on the eve of his retirement at a Berrien Hills Country Club breakfast. Among the speakers praising Hill's accomplishments on behalf of the city was Congressman Edward Hutchinson, shown at right with Mrs. Hutchinson. Event, attended by 200, was sponsored by St. Joseph Improvement Association. Former Mayor Clifford

Emlong was master of ceremonies. Mayor Franklin Smith and Hill's successor as city manager, Gerald Heppler, presented the city's thanks. Dr. Richard Ziehm, superintendent of St. Joseph schools, thanked Hill for his cooperation with the school system. Bert Lindenfeld, managing editor of this newspaper, voiced the city residents' gratitude for Hill's 23 years as manager. (Staff Photo)

## Mrs. Knipschild, Vinegar Firm Co-Owner, Dies

Mrs. Edna Louis Knipschild, 51 of 741 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor co-owner and



MRS. EDNA KNIPSCHILD

### Breaks Leg

Meryle Gillespie, wife of twin cities druggist Robert Gillespie, is in Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph, as the result of an accident in her home Wednesday. According to her husband, Mrs. Gillespie was working in the kitchen of their MI Curve, St. Joseph, house when she went to turn around, slipped and fell on her right side. A bone in the right hip area was broken.

Mrs. Gillespie is expected to be hospitalized for a week or 10 days, according to her husband.

treasurer of Spielmann Vinegar Company, died Thursday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. Knipschild was an active business woman despite her age. Her body was discovered by her son, Charles, who became alarmed because his mother had not gone to the office Thursday as usual. Death was attributed to natural causes.

Charles Knipschild is president of Spielmann Vinegar Company which was founded in Benton Harbor in 1918 by his father, the late Arthur S. Knipschild and Charles Spielmann as an offshoot of Spielmann Brothers of Chicago.

Mrs. Knipschild was born April 22, 1890, in Detroit. On April 28, 1916, she married Arthur S. Knipschild, who died in 1952.

Mrs. Knipschild was past president and a board member of the Michigan Children's Aid Society local branch and also a member of Berrien Hills Country club.

Surviving in addition to Charles are two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. William (Katherine) Windish of Detroit. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Benton Harbor First Congregational church. Burial will be Monday in Crystal Springs cemetery.

Friends may call at the Pipestone chapel, Florin funeral home.

## Estate Left To Church And Charity

A petition was filed this week in Berrien probate court to probate the \$54,326 estate of Mrs. Bessie Sauerbier, 84, of 901 Kingsley avenue, St. Joseph, who died Nov. 24.

She was the widow of Harry Sauerbier who died in 1958.

A 1973 will bequeaths real estate and home furnishings to Norman Michael of St. Joseph; \$1,000 to Christopher Charles Rowley of St. Joseph; and the rest of her estate in equal shares to the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass., and the division of services for crippled children of the Michigan Department of Public Health in Grand Rapids.

### GRADUATES

**BUCHANAN** — Thaddeus R. Stephens, son of Mrs. Charlotte Stephens of 318 Liberty avenue, Buchanan, was graduated from Tri-State college at Angola, Ind., Dec. 15 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is a graduate of Buchanan high school.



**GIFTS OF GRATITUDE:** John S. Stubblefield, president of the Improvement Association, congratulates Manager and Mrs. Hill at conclusion of yesterday's breakfast. Hills are holding gifts presented by the association, an inscribed silver tray and pitcher. Stubblefield also presented a framed copy of the inscription "you can hang on your wall and just point to if Mrs. Hill ever doubts how great you are." Hill steps down as city manager at midnight, Dec. 31. (Staff Photo)

## Monday Office Hours

Many governmental offices will be closed, Monday, Dec. 31; while some others will operate on a reduced schedule. Following is a list of openings and closings for Dec. 31:

Benton Harbor city offices: 8:30 a.m.-noon.

St. Joseph: 8 a.m.-noon.

Benton township: open.

St. Joseph township: closed.

All municipalities will have trash pickups on Monday, except St. Joseph, which will have pickups until noon. Pickups for the 1st will be made on the 2nd in all cases.

Federal and state buildings: closed.

Berrien county courthouse: open, with courts having one judge available for arraignments after 1 p.m.

Berrien social services office: closed.

Post offices: Windows open 8 a.m.-noon, Lock box lobbies open and regular pickups and deliveries in afternoon.

Inter-City and Farmers and Merchants banks: open 9-5. Peoples bank open from 9-3, and First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan open 9-2.

St. Joseph Savings and Loan Association: open 9-3.

Peoples Savings Association: open 9-1.

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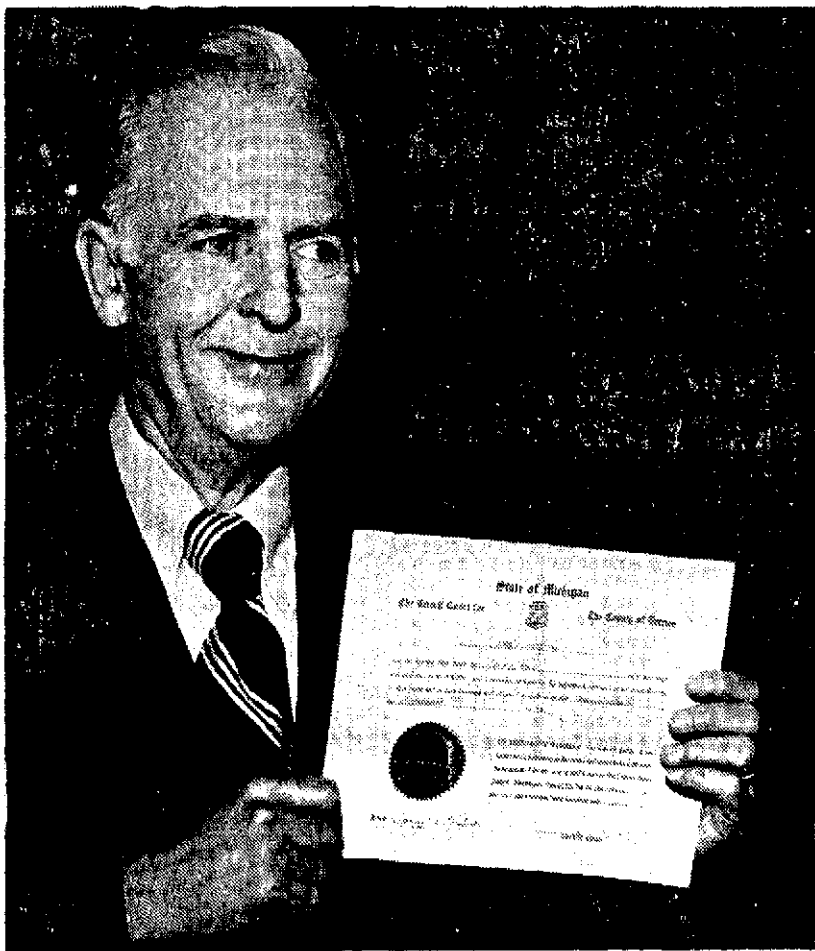
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Because of the newsprint shortage, this newspaper's annual New Year's edition won't be as big as usual. Still, in highlight form, it will tell the story of Southwestern Michigan during 1973. All major developments will be covered concerning the people and places that made news throughout Berrien, Van Buren, Cass and Allegan counties. The edition will be published Dec. 31.



**SERVICE AWARDS:** Silas Legg (second from right), citizen director of Citizens Steering Council for local Model Cities program, last night presented service awards to four members of Model Cities Council representing Benton Harbor and Benton

township governments. Receiving awards are (from left) Benton Harbor Mayor Charles Joseph, Township Trustee Walter Slowik, former city Commissioner Daniel Brown, and Benton Harbor Supervisor Martin Cant.



**THIRD CAREER?:** Occasion of this satisfied smile by John F. Sullivan was his admission to the bar at age 57, in Berrien circuit court Thursday. Sullivan, of St. Joseph township, graduated from University of Michigan law school in 1947 and immediately joined the FBI. He retired as FBI agent in 1971 after nearly 24 years and now is personnel director and security officer for Farmers & Merchants National bank, Benton Harbor. He will stay on that job. He recently took the state bar examination and was admitted to bar yesterday by Judge J. J. White. (Staff photo)



## Van Buren Deputies Seeking Arbitration

By GARRETT DeGRAFF  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren sheriff's deputies have requested that stalled salary negotiations with the county go to binding arbitration, Donald Hanson, chairman of the county board of commissioners, told a meeting of the board last night.

Hanson reported that he had been sent a copy of a letter from the deputies' union to the Michigan Employment Rela-

tions commission (MERC), asking that a MERC arbitrator be assigned.

The letter, dated Dec. 20, was signed by Teamsters union representative Paul Gully of Detroit.

Salary talks between the 12 deputies, members of the Teamsters union law enforcement division, and the county commission began in late summer.

Deputies have since rejected as inadequate a six per cent pay hike approved by the commission for all county employees and a subsequent offer reported to have been greater than six per cent.

Deputies are to be paid 1973 wages pending settlement of arbitration, Commissioners Walter Stickels and Gerald Rendel reported. The base salary for deputies now is about \$7,600.

At issue are wages and fringe benefits the deputies are to receive in 1974. The salary negotiations are the first since the deputies organized into a union in January.

The sheriff's department's command officers are not represented by the Teamsters. They organized as a bargaining unit this fall under the Fraternal Order of Police.

In other action, the commission approved formation of a Van Buren Commission on Aging. Formation of the county commission on aging was requested in petitions presented to the board Dec. 12.

As approved, nine persons are to be appointed to the commission by the county board, with these nine being able to add members up to a maximum of 21. The nine named by the county board will serve staggered three-year terms.

The new commission will work for solutions to the problems of the aged in the county, Commissioner Lloyd Martin stated.

Funds for the commission raised locally will be matched nine to one by state monies, Martin reported. He said plans call for the local funds to be raised by the commission on aging without financial support from the county board.

Commissioners voted a 1974 allocation of \$2,657 for the tri-county commission on aging the county board voted to join in November. The regional commission also includes Cass and Berrien counties.

The \$2,657 is Van Buren's share of \$7,971 being raised in the three counties to match \$23,913 in federal funds that are available, Martin reported.

The board approved a resolution calling for Michigan to be returned to the central time zone in light of federal action to place the nation on daylight saving time beginning in January as a means to conserve energy.

The resolution states that more energy would be used in the state under eastern day light saving time because darkness would extend late into the morning.

No action was taken on a request that the board endorse the Southwestern Michigan Comprehensive Health Planning association pending receipt by commissioners of a copy of the association's bylaws and other written information.

The written material was requested by Commissioner William Taft after John Ross, executive director of the association, appeared asking for the board's endorsement. Ross said the endorsement would not obligate the commissioners to provide financial support to the association, which serves Cass, Berrien and Van Buren counties.

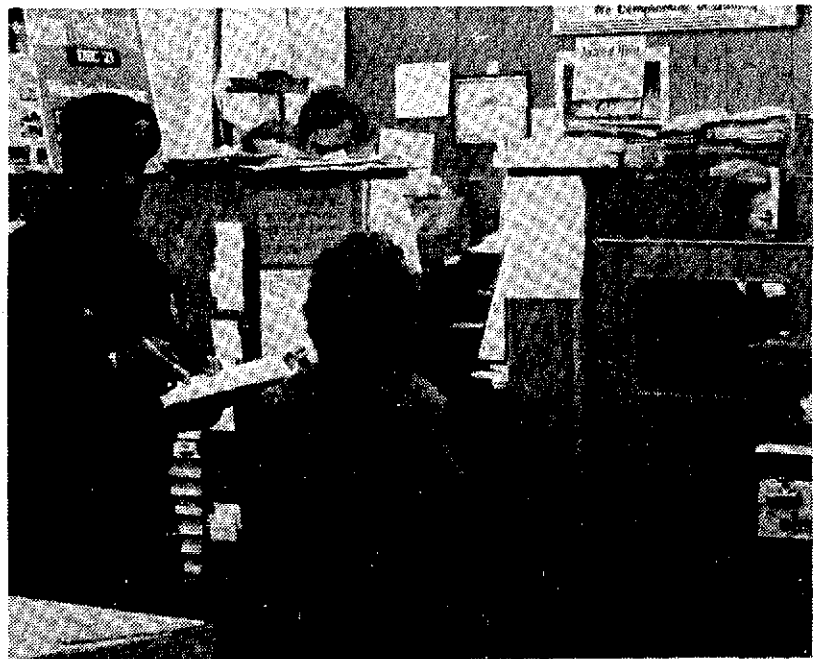
Ross said the association is a nonprofit organization of health care providers and consumers that makes studies and recommendations on health issues.

The board approved purchase of a half-ton pickup truck for the county dog warden from Dwyer Chevrolet Inc. of Lawrence for a low bid, including trade-in, of \$1,849.



**NEW BUFFALO HARBOR PROJECT:** After a decade of setbacks, \$2 million plus New Buffalo harbor improvement project is scheduled to start in April or May of next year. Army Corps of Engineers awarded contract for project to Bultema Dock and Dredge company of Muskegon in September. Involved in project is creation of a safe small craft

refuge harbor in mouth of Galien river where it enters Lake Michigan at New Buffalo. Financing for project is coming primarily from federal and state funds. Adolph Hann aerial photo looks inland from Lake Michigan, with harbor mouth located at bottom of picture.



**ROBBERY SCENE:** South Haven patrolman Michael McAllister, takes statements from employees of A & P grocery store after store was robbed of \$230 last night. Two men, one armed with a 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun, robbed store about 8:30 p.m. Money was taken from cash register, police said. (Tom Renner photo)

## South Haven Store Robbed At Gunpoint

**SOUTH HAVEN** — Two men, one armed with a 12-gauge, sawed-off shotgun, took \$230 from the A & P grocery store, 514 Huron street, in a holdup about a half-hour before the store was to close last night, according to South Haven city police.

Police said the men, described as blacks in their early 20's, forced three employees to lie on the floor before taking the money from a cash register and fleeing. No customers were in the store at the time and employees were preparing for closing at 9 p.m.

Receipts from several other cash registers had already been put in the store safe and employees told the bandits they were unable to open the safe, police reported.

Police said one of the bandits wore a long brown overcoat and a gray floppy hat while the other wore a long, green, army-type overcoat and a purple floppy hat.

Both holdup men were described as being about six feet tall, police said.

Police said no shots were fired and none of the employees was injured.

## Warning Shot Halts Young St. Joe Burglary Suspect

A 16-year-old boy was apprehended this morning near the scene of a burglary when a St. Joseph patrolman fired a warning shot in the air.

Police said the youth was fleeing from the Kwik Kleen car wash, 2434 Cleveland avenue, where a coin box had been looted.

Another youth also was arrested when his mother

brought him to the scene of the burglary.

St. Joseph Det. Lt. Tom Cooper said the arrests also solved another car wash burglary early this morning with the recovery of \$103 allegedly taken from the two businesses.

Benton township police reported the other burglary occurred at the Blue Waters car wash, 1832 M-139. Officers said coin boxes in both car washes had been broken into.

Patrolman Tom Burrows found the damaged coin box in the St. Joseph car wash about 3:45 a.m., and one youth was apprehended after Patrolman Cliff Munson fired a warning shot as the youth was fleeing on foot, Cooper said. Police said a registration check of a car left at the scene revealed the owner's name, and after contacting the home, the boy's

mother brought the youth back to the car wash. Officers said both boys are 16-years-old and reside in St. Joseph township.

Cooper said the youths were arrested on breaking and entering charges, and while at the police station, admitted the township burglary. Cooper added three more youths will be charged in connection with the burglaries.

By RICHARD L. STERN  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — With the advent of the energy crisis, we the consumer, find ourselves blamed for perpetuating what business and government have been telling us is the American way of life.

William E. Simon, the new energy chief, pointing at the consumer, recently said, "It is obvious we have been a nation of great energy wastrels."

But with a lack of government planning in the past and with business pushing us to use its products, are we truly wastrels? Or, perhaps, are we the victims?

We have bought bigger and faster gasoline guzzlers as Madison Avenue painted

television pictures for us to warm summer nights with beautiful men and women smuggled in their vinyl-upholstered, air-conditioned, power-braked cars.

Harried housewives have watched as carefully coiffed actresses, playing their counterparts in television commercials, supposedly doubled leisure time with bigger washers and driers, garbage disposals, electric mixers, knives and can openers, and made their lives easier with petroleum-derived plastic bags, detergents and waxes.

Indeed, for years, it was the Detroit auto makers who steadfastly refused to give Americans small domestic cars

until they realized their customers were buying imported cars.

In Washington, until, very recently, our political leaders were reluctant to allot to mass transit a share of the billions of dollars in highway funds realized through gasoline excise taxes.

Railroads were one direct victim of our mania for autos. But government disinterest abetted the decline of rails.

Railroad executives, instead of fighting for the passenger market, gave in to the airlines, buses and cars. Railroad service and scheduling faltered, and in many cases was

dropped.

Now we question whether this should have happened. New high-speed Amtrak service between Washington and New York was booked to capacity even before the energy crisis. The rails, it seems, still have allure.

Little was revealed about the coming energy crisis that we are now told was foreseen by many experts.

The oil companies told us about friendly service and high octane gasoline that not only drove our auto monsters but helped keep their engines clean.

Corporate executives, and indeed the president of the United States, lived in a

manner which epitomized the American dream — high-speed jets, helicopters, limousines, and homes at the far reaches of the American continent.

How many commuters stuck in traffic jams on federally subsidized highways leading to Los Angeles, the epitome of a world the auto created, have dreamed of a smog-free alternative, such as high speed, modern commuter lines?

And now, after trying to live the American dream, what are Stephen and Vilma Roumell of New Buffalo, Mich., who must commute about 50 miles a day in a rural area devoid of public transport, supposed to do with their gas guzzlers when the government calls on them not to buy more than 10 gallons of

gas a week?

Are they really the culprits? Or, like the rest of us, are they merely the victims?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** If you're wondering how Atty. Stephen Roumell and his wife Vilma of New Buffalo happen to be mentioned in the above article, consider this: Richard L. Stern, the writer, is their son-in-law, married to the former Stephanie Roumell. The couple resides in New York City where Stern is a business news writer for the Associated Press. Besides a law practice which calls him often to the county seat of St. Joseph 25 miles from New Buffalo, Roumell and his wife publish the New Buffalo Times, a weekly newspaper.



**TREASURER:** Nathan Ellis, 37, county road 315, Grand Junction, has been appointed treasurer of Columbia township to fill vacancy created by death of Donald Landeck. Ellis, a blueberry grower, is married and has two children.

## Search River For Man's Body

**PORT HURON, Mich. (AP)** — City police continued their search Thursday for a Port Huron man believed drowned in the Black River.

Authorities said Jack Haar, 20, disappeared while scuba diving in the river Wednesday.

Haar had been trying to break up river ice near the Port Huron city marina when he disappeared, police said.